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Fund, for developing handloom industry. The Schemes formulated by this Government to utilize the amount have been approved by them. Grants of rebate on the purchase of handloom cloth is one of these schemes.

(*b*) Sales of handloom cloth have been exempted from Sales Tax with effect from 1st April 1954. As regards assistance to the handloom industry the attention of the member is invited to the answer given on 23rd March 1954 to question No. 219 (starred) by Sri N. K. Palanisami, M.L.A.''

*Construction of a side wall on the bridge across the River Vaigai at Paramakudi.*

* 984 *Q.*—SRI G. GOVINDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to construct side walls on the submergible bridge across the River Vaigai at Paramakudi for the safety of vehicular traffic; and

(*b*) if so, when the work is likely to be taken up for execution?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—'' Sir, the answer to the question is not yet ready.''

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—'' On a point of order, Sir, நான் ஒரு ஒழுங்குப் பிரச்னையை எழுப்புகிறேன். கேள்விக்குப் பதில் இன்னும் வராதபோது அது எப்படி கேள்வித் தாளில் சேர்க்கப்பட்டது என்று கேட்கிறேன்.''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' Sir, for all the questions which have been placed for answering to-day, the replies were ready and despatched to the Legislature Secretariat, but the Minister did not get sufficient notice and did not get the file from his office. That is the main difficulty.''

*Death due to cancer.*

* 985 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken by the Government to deal with cases of Cancer; and

(*b*) the number of persons reported to have died on account of Cancer in this State in 1953?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' (*a*) The Barnard Institute of Radiology, Government General Hospital, Madras, is equipped with all the modern X-ray therapy equipments and has also about 1,400 mgm. of radium for the treatment of cancer cases. In this hospital, one hundred beds are set apart for cancer patients. In the Government Hospital for Women and Children, Madras a Cancer ward of one hundred beds has been constructed. This hospital has been provided with Deep-X-ray therapy apparatus and sufficient radium for the treatment of Cancer cases. The Erskine Hospital, Madurai, has been equipped with a Deep-X-ray therapy apparatus to deal with Cancer cases.

'' (*b*) Two hundred and eighty-two, Sir.''

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SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" What is the average expense for a patient and the duration of treatment?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It depends on each individual case."

### *Printing of copies of " Bharathi's Collections ".*

* 986 *Q.*—SRI P. JEEVANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of copies of the latest " Bharathi's Collections " printed; and

(*b*) the number of copies sold so far?

THE HON SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*)

| | Number of copies printed. | Number of copies sold. |
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| Bharathi Noolgal Kavithai— | | |
| Part I—National Songs ... .. | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Part II—Daiva Padalgal ... .. | 1,000 | 789 |
| Part III—Palvagai Padalgal ... | 1,000 | 595 |
| Part IV—Mupperum Padalgal ... | 1,000 | 327 " |

SRI P. JEEVANANDAM :—" தலைவர் அவர்களே, மகா கவி பாரதியாரின் பாடல்கள் ஒரு தனி மனிதரின் உடமையாக இருக்கக்கூடாது. அது காந்திய இலக்கியம் மாதிரியாக தமிழ்நாட்டு மக்கள் எல்லோருக்கும் சொந்தமானதாக இருக்கவேண்டும். அது எல்லோருக்கும் மிகக்குறைந்த விலையில் கிடைக்கவேண்டும் என்ற காரணத்தையெல்லாம் கொண்டுதான் சர்க்காரே அதன் உடமைகளை வாங்கினார்கள். ஆனால் இன்றைக்கு பாரதி பாடல்களின் தொகுப்புக்கள் மிக உயர்ந்த விலையில்தான் சர்க்காரால் விற்கப்படுகிறது. அதுவும் எல்லாப் புத்தகங்களும் கிடைக்கவில்லை. இதைச் சர்க்கார் கவனித்து எல்லோருக்கும் மலிவான விலையில் கிடைக்கும்படியான ஒரு ஏற்பாட்டை என் செய்யவில்லையென்று நான் கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the intention of the Government is to have a publication properly edited so that the correct version of the verses of the poet may be made available to the public. After that anybody is free to publish any of his works."

### *Reconstitution of the State Harijan Welfare Committee and the Backward Classes Advisory Committee.*

* 987 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state, whether there is any proposal to reconstitute the State Harijan Welfare Committee and the Backward Classes Advisory Committee on account of the recent change in the personnel of the Ministry?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, there is no proposal to reconstitute the Harijan Welfare Committee. However, the question of enlarging the Committee or co-opting more representatives is being examined by the Government."